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THE ADVISORY BOARD TO THE STATE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION ON
CERTIFICATION FOR OPERATORS OF PUBLIC WATER SYSTEMS

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MEETING

TUESDAY, JUNE 6, 2006

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A P P E A R A N C E S

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

DARRIN PRICE, CHAIRMAN
MARIE POLLOCK (TELEPHONICALLY)
HARVEY JOHNSON
CAMERON MCKAY
MARCELLUS JONES
BETH KANG

DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL

JANET HESS

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1 RENO, NEVADA, TUESDAY, JUNE 6, 2006, 1:30 P.M.

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3 1. CALL TO ORDER

4 CHAIRMAN PRICE: We'll call to order the meeting of the
5 Advisory Boards of the State Environmental Commission on the
6 Certification of Operators of Public Water Systems.

7 Mr. Secretary, could I have the role call, please?

8 2. ROLL CALL

9 MEMBER McKAY: Darrin Price.

10 CHAIRMAN PRICE: Here.

11 MEMBER McKAY: Marie Pollock?

12 MEMBER POLLOCK: Here in Laughlin by phone.

13 MEMBER McKAY: Cameron McKay, here.

14 Harvey Johnson?

15 MEMBER JOHNSON: Here.

16 MEMBER McKAY: Marcellas Jones?

17 MEMBER JONES: Here.

18 MEMBER McKAY: Chet Ackley, not present.

19 Lynn Forsberg not present.

20 CHAIRMAN PRICE: So we do have a quorum.

21 3. PUBLIC COMMENT

22 CHAIRMAN PRICE: Before we get started, is there any
23 public comments? Anybody want to make a comment on something they
24 would like to see on a future agenda or anything else?

25 Seeing none, we'll move on --

1 Oh, Marcellus, sorry. Go ahead.

2 MEMBER JONES: There's an issue in Las Vegas on the
3 notification of receipt of an application, and is that something
4 we can discuss maybe at the next meeting?

5 CHAIRMAN PRICE: Okay. Yeah. I appreciate bringing
6 that to our attention, Marcellus. What we will do, Mr. McKay will
7 write it down and we'll add it to the agenda of our next meeting
8 so we can talk about it. I'm glancing at the agenda right now to
9 see if it's appropriate under anything we have listed right now,
10 and it does not look like it.

11 Yeah, I don't know, does Legal care to -- she's shaking
12 her head.

13 MS. HESS: Next meeting will be fine.

14 CHAIRMAN PRICE: So we'll add that to the next meeting.
15 Is there anything else from the Board members or
16 audience?

17 Seeing none, we'll move on to Agenda Item Four, approval
18 of the minutes of the March 16 meeting.

19 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

20 MEMBER MCKAY: Cameron McKay, I approve the minutes.

21 CHAIRMAN PRICE: We have a motion for approval. Do I
22 hear a second?

23 MEMBER JOHNSON: I'll second it, Harvey Johnson.

24 CHAIRMAN PRICE: We have a motion to second. Any
25 further discussion?

1 All those in favor please signify by saying aye.

2 Opposed? None. Motion carries.

3 (Whereupon the motion was put to a vote and carried unanimously.)

4 5. DISCUSSION ON "BENCHMARKING WATER UTILITY PERFORMANCE"

5 CHAIRMAN PRICE: Agenda Item No. 5 is discussion on the
6 benchmarking water utility performance, and I don't know whose
7 item this is.

8 MEMBER MCKAY: Phil Walsak.

9 CHAIRMAN PRICE: This was Phil's item?

10 MEMBER MCKAY: Uh-huh.

11 CHAIRMAN PRICE: I did see Phil earlier today, I know he
12 is busy doing some training of operators, he won't be present
13 today, so what we'll do is continue this on to our next meeting.

14 6. DISCUSSION ON WASTEWATER AND THE ADVISORY BOARD'S STANCE
15 (DARRIN PRICE)

16 CHAIRMAN PRICE: Agenda Item 6 is discussion on the
17 wastewater and the Advisory Board's stance, and this one is mine.
18 What I will remind this Advisory Board is currently we are the
19 only Advisory Board that advises the State Environmental
20 Commission, and they have asked us to look at some of the parallel
21 work that we are doing similar to what the Wastewater Advisory
22 Board is doing. And as far as what the Wastewater Advisory Board
23 does, I would ask Harvey to maybe contribute, give us just a
24 little historical update on that, if you could, Harvey, for those
25 that maybe aren't quite as familiar so we can talk about that.

1 MEMBER JOHNSON: Okay. The Wastewater Board reports
2 directly to the NDEP, and we take care of all the certifications
3 for all of the wastewater operators in the State of Nevada. We do
4 not at this present time require CEU's, continuing education
5 units, but we are looking at it. The only mandatory certification
6 for ways -- it's for the wastewater operators, wastewater
7 treatment operators, the other certifications are voluntary, of
8 which there is collection, industrial waste -- what am I missing?
9 Industrial waste inspectors. I think that's what's there.

10 CHAIRMAN PRICE: So there's four disciplines; treatment,
11 collection, industrial waste and industrial waste inspectors?

12 MEMBER JOHNSON: And, excuse me, one more, laboratory
13 analyst.

14 CHAIRMAN PRICE: And does the State of Nevada certify
15 those or just the treatment portion?

16 MEMBER JOHNSON: The State of Nevada, we use ABC, it's
17 Association of Boards -- Associated Boards --

18 MR. BROCKWAY: Associated Boards of Certification.

19 MEMBER JOHNSON: That administers our test for the
20 certification for the operators.

21 MS. HESS: And also they do laboratory certification at
22 NDEP.

23 MEMBER JOHNSON: That is separate from us. We do the
24 laboratory analysts certification, but we do not do the actual
25 laboratory certification.

1 MS. HESS: That's correct. They do.

2 CHAIRMAN PRICE: How long have they been testing in the
3 State of Nevada, Harvey, as far as treatment?

4 MEMBER JOHNSON: I can't remember the exact date that it
5 starts, but I know it was before I started, and that's been
6 29 years. It's been a long time.

7 CHAIRMAN PRICE: You just admitted that on the tape,
8 too.

9 So, can you talk a little bit more about any of the
10 programs they have, how they work with the operators. You said
11 CEU's are not required at this time. Are you guys pursuing some
12 legislation or some changes just through NDEP or how is that going
13 to work?

14 MEMBER JOHNSON: Yes, we are looking at it, seeing as we
15 are a voluntary Board, the administration of the CEU's is a
16 full-time job, and that would be a huge task for the -- for a
17 voluntary Board to take on, so we are looking at it right now and
18 that will be one of the topics we will be talking about at our
19 next meeting which is July 14th.

20 CHAIRMAN PRICE: And I want to make sure I'm correct,
21 too, you guys report to NDEP?

22 MEMBER JOHNSON: That's correct.

23 CHAIRMAN PRICE: Who do you report to over there?

24 MEMBER JOHNSON: Well, we actually we have Allen Tinny
25 is a member of the Board from NDEP. Louie Hardrof was a member of

1 the Board and he dropped off and Allen Tinny took over for his
2 position.

3 CHAIRMAN PRICE: Do you guys know anything about that?

4 MR. PENNINGTON: Just a little bit.

5 MR. WALKER: Quite well. It's the Bureau of Pollution
6 Control and Allen is in the Permitting Department, Permitting and
7 Compliance.

8 CHAIRMAN PRICE: So Harvey, you being a Board member of
9 the Advisory Board on Wastewater Certification, what items do you
10 see, I know you have limited experience on this Board, but you did
11 attend meetings before as well, what do you see parallels that we
12 do as far as training with operators or some of the legislative
13 pursuits that we have, et cetera?

14 MEMBER JOHNSON: Parallels? It's -- We do have a person
15 that we have hired that takes care of the certification of all the
16 operators as far as the paperwork. It's -- We don't have to have
17 publicly noticed meetings, that is one thing that is very
18 different. I'd say it's that Board is -- that -- the wastewater
19 certification is totally funded through fees collected from the
20 operators for certification on that Board.

21 CHAIRMAN PRICE: Can I ask you just real quickly, are
22 those fees collected by NDEP and they turn around and budget you
23 an amount or how does that work?

24 MEMBER JOHNSON: No, they are actually collected through
25 the testing and the renewals of certifications that are done by

1 the person that is hired, and we actually have a budget through
2 the NWEA that we submit every year.

3 CHAIRMAN PRICE: Through the who?

4 MEMBER JOHNSON: The Nevada Water Environment
5 Association. We are actually a part of the NWEA.

6 MR. WALKER: Question, the person you hired actually
7 works for what organization?

8 MEMBER JOHNSON: Works for the Certification Board which
9 is part of the NWEA.

10 CHAIRMAN PRICE: So, Harvey, is there a Board in Nevada
11 Water Environment Association that you guys report to as well?

12 MEMBER JOHNSON: Yes, there is an actual Board for the
13 NWEA separate from the Certification Board.

14 CHAIRMAN PRICE: Is there anything else you want to add?

15 MEMBER JOHNSON: Not that I can think of.

16 CHAIRMAN PRICE: You can go on for another 30 minutes or
17 so?

18 I'll open it back up to the Board, and what I would like
19 to ask the Board is the SEC has asked us to attend their meeting,
20 their next meeting as Harvey said is July 14th.

21 MEMBER JOHNSON: That's correct.

22 CHAIRMAN PRICE: So on July 14th, they are going to have
23 their meeting at the Truckee Meadows Water Reclamation Facility
24 located here in the Reno-Sparks area on the east side of town over
25 there. I do plan on attending, but I would ask if any other Board

1 members, besides Harvey, who will be meeting as one of their Board
2 members who'd like to attend if they have that schedule open.
3 Marcellus, I know it may be hard for you to come up here.

4 MEMBER JONES: Not this time.

5 CHAIRMAN PRICE: Cam?

6 MEMBER McKAY: I should be able to make it.

7 If we have a quorum present, we will need to post
8 notice.

9 CHAIRMAN PRICE: Well, you know what we'll do, is we'll
10 just call it at that, because that way, myself, Harvey and you,
11 although Harvey won't be representing the Board, that keeps us
12 just under the quorum.

13 Marie, are you still there?

14 MEMBER POLLOCK: I'm still here.

15 CHAIRMAN PRICE: Is there anything else on that?
16 Anything from the other Board members?

17 MS. HESS: Excuse me just for a minute. Let me ask one
18 other thing. So you're not going to have a quorum there or are
19 you going to notice it just in case?

20 MEMBER McKAY: We are going to notice it just in case.

21 CHAIRMAN PRICE: You want to?

22 MEMBER McKAY: Yes, I would like to.

23 MS. HESS: Okay.

24 MEMBER McKAY: If you can give me an advance copy of
25 your agenda, and then I'll structure and I think I can handle it

1 after that.

2 MEMBER POLLOCK: Could we get that agenda sent to all
3 the Board members of this Board.

4 MEMBER McKAY: Yes, I will make sure everybody gets a
5 copy.

6 MEMBER POLLOCK: Copy.

7 7. UPDATE FROM SUBCOMMITTEE AND APPROVAL OF WHITEPAPER PRODUCED
8 BY THE SUBCOMMITTEE (Cameron McKay)

9 CHAIRMAN PRICE: Okay. We'll go ahead and move on to
10 Agenda Item No. 7 which is the update from the subcommittee and
11 approval of the whitepaper produced by the subcommittee.

12 And Cameron, before I turn it over to you, would you
13 remind me all the members of the subcommittee that helped work on
14 this.

15 MEMBER McKAY: The members of the subcommittee were
16 myself, Chet Ackley, Crystel Monticinos, Tom Hoffert, and you were
17 there.

18 CHAIRMAN PRICE: As an observer.

19 MEMBER McKAY: Observer, yes.

20 Did everybody get a copy of this draft?

21 MEMBER POLLOCK: It's addressed to you right, Cameron?

22 MEMBER McKAY: Yeah. It was a draft. I e-mailed it to
23 everybody. Did you get a copy of it, Marie?

24 MEMBER POLLOCK: Yes.

25 MEMBER McKAY: This was the first draft copy or draft of

1 the whitepaper. Basically what we are trying to do is set it up
2 so the operators know where to go and how to get there to upgrade
3 their certification. There was some complaints from some of the
4 operators that they didn't know what to do or how to get it.
5 Basically what we are trying to do is set up a direction for them
6 to go. If -- And a consistent message from every agency involved
7 so they all have the same message to the operators. They can go
8 to any website, they can call the administrator, they can call
9 Steve. Everybody would point them into the same direction.

10 There still is some work that needs to be done on it,
11 and there has been some comments on this whitepaper as well from
12 Bob Foerster at the Nevada Rural Water Association. Did everybody
13 get a copy of Bob's letter?

14 And Bob, you know, we tried to layout a guideline. One
15 thing we do not want to do is list all the colleges that they can
16 use to get any of their updates, because the first thing that
17 would happen there would be somebody would be missed, then they
18 would come back and complain to us. So we want to say, "This is
19 how you can go about it," not necessarily telling them what they
20 have to do. It's -- The onus does have to come back on to the
21 operator. They do have to take some of their own responsibility.
22 If they want to be upgraded, they have to do it themselves without
23 somebody holding their hand and taking them all the way through
24 the process.

25 And there is certification standards already by -- on

1 universities or colleges themselves. I don't think we should
2 really get into that area, either, although it does mention that
3 in here. The main thing is we need to be able to offer some
4 courses locally is one of the main complaints and then channel the
5 operators into the area where they can find these themselves and
6 decide themselves which ones they want to take. They have to
7 prove to everybody involved, especially to Steve and the
8 administrator, although she will not be here for much longer, the
9 onus has to come back to the operator, I think, that they have to
10 prove what they are going to take should fit into the requirements
11 of the standards set by the regulations of Nevada.

12 I did receive from -- oops, let me find it here.
13 Crystel did send me a list of local -- here it is right here --
14 the different university and community college systems of Nevada.
15 There is quite an extensive list of people to talk to, to see
16 where, if there's something in the local area that you can get to.
17 I just got this, I haven't really had a chance to go through it
18 yet, but there's -- an example, there's a Cooperative Extension,
19 there's a Community College of Southern Nevada, there's Great
20 Basin College. That's just to name a few. Truckee Meadows
21 Community College, University Nevada Reno, University of Nevada
22 Las Vegas. There's a lot of colleges locally that people can go
23 to to get related courses that will deal something to do with the
24 water industry.

25 Some of the courses are listed here and this is just

1 mainly a guideline, it's not set in stone. It's something to do
2 with math, science, communications, accounting. Those are just a
3 few of the things that are involved in it. Communications I think
4 is becoming a bigger one. As you get up to into a higher
5 certification level, communication is necessary to be able to
6 communicate with everybody that's involved with the water
7 treatment or distribution.

8 We also felt that you did not -- you don't have to go to
9 a class. You can take anything over the internet provided it's
10 approved. Classroom -- you don't have to go to class, but you
11 also, if you're taking a correspondence course, there should be a
12 time limit set on the length of time that you can take it. You
13 can't take a course, correspondence course for two years, because
14 that course may change in the process.

15 MR. BROCKWAY: I believe most of the correspondence
16 courses do have a time limit.

17 MS. KAYE: They do.

18 MR. BROCKWAY: Because the same thing, they don't want
19 this thing to drag on for years and years.

20 MEMBER MCKAY: That's good. So with that, if there's
21 any changes on that draft or questions, please, now is the time to
22 jump in.

23 CHAIRMAN PRICE: The Chair would open it back up to the
24 Board. Do any of the Board members have questions regarding the
25 whitepaper?

1 I would like to throw something out here real quick.
2 Steve, currently, you through your position, approved those
3 classes that meet CEU requirements. That's correct, right?

4 MR. BROCKWAY: Correct.

5 CHAIRMAN PRICE: If you're gone, who does it?

6 MR. BROCKWAY: It waits until I get back.

7 CHAIRMAN PRICE: What would they do if they had a
8 registration deadline?

9 MR. PENNINGTON: We have a backup person, Terry Hall.

10 MR. BROCKWAY: Leave a message on my phone or wait until
11 I get back. If they call the general office number, they can
12 leave a message.

13 CHAIRMAN PRICE: So Dana, I would ask you and Steve,
14 too, if this Board were to adopt this type of whitepaper, would it
15 help give you some criteria for those approvals? Does Terry use
16 the same criteria you do, Steve, if you are gone?

17 MR. BROCKWAY: I would think so.

18 CHAIRMAN PRICE: That's what I was thinking. So would
19 this help staff over at NDEP for some of the approval on those
20 classes that would meet CEU requirements?

21 MEMBER MCKAY: This really isn't CEU.

22 CHAIRMAN PRICE: Well, I mean continuing education
23 stuff.

24 MEMBER MCKAY: Okay.

25 MR. PENNINGTON: You're referring to criteria for

1 classes for CEU?

2 MR. BROCKWAY: Post-secondary.

3 MS. KAYE: Post-secondary.

4 CHAIRMAN PRICE: They have simply here math, science,
5 communications, you know, economics, et cetera. Some of the
6 things listed here, and over the past, there's been various
7 classes on some of the things that have been approved, and we are
8 just trying to establish some criteria for these type of classes.

9 MR. PENNINGTON: Well, I think what we've done in the
10 past is to keep a pretty wide open view of what this -- what the
11 classes offer, how they work between water and wastewater, whether
12 it be pumping which applies to both or chlorination or anything
13 that comes together. We've always worked with, you know, whoever
14 is -- as far as the CEU's, you know, how many CEU's are you going
15 to get for water if it's a wastewater class or something like
16 that. And there's always discussion on those things. I mean,
17 it's not a cut and dry thing where we just have, "Follow this
18 guidance and this is what you get." We have discussions, Steve
19 and I or even Terry and I and maybe even the Bureau Chief might be
20 involved in some of the discussions. So I don't know if you can
21 develop something that would give us a clear guidance or not. We
22 would certainly welcome it if you could. But what we do is we
23 look at each class individually to see what it offers, and of
24 course certain classes are obviously prequalified.

25 CHAIRMAN PRICE: Sure.

1 MR. PENNINGTON: They are offered all the time and we
2 certify those right off. It's just the other ones that are
3 getting a little sometimes in the gray area.

4 MEMBER McKAY: I would want it cut and dry.

5 CHAIRMAN PRICE: Yeah, I would want it cut and dry.

6 MS. HESS: I have one thing to mention here. You're the
7 Advisory Board to the SEC, so any paperwork you have that are
8 talking about accredited courses or changing the direction that
9 NDEP operates with discretion, that paper, if you pass it, has to
10 go to the SEC before it becomes --

11 MEMBER POLLOCK: I hate to be such a pest, but I can't
12 hear.

13 MEMBER McKAY: Okay. What Janet mentioned was that any
14 whitepaper we approve has to go to the SEC to be approved as well.

15 CHAIRMAN PRICE: Janet, I appreciate the comments, but
16 this Board has always worked with the staff over there to get
17 their input prior to us going to the SEC, so.

18 MS. HESS: Right. I understand that.

19 MEMBER McKAY: Mr. Chairman, I would like to state here,
20 too, that this is a draft and it does need some work yet, and as
21 the subcommittee, we will still be working on this.

22 CHAIRMAN PRICE: The chair recognizes D. Kaye.

23 MS. KAYE: I have a question about the bullet down here,
24 "Accredited courses should be approved by the Nevada Advisory
25 Board." That's a different step that's been added and typically

1 the State has had that discretion. And so my question is, is
2 this -- is it this Board's pleasure that Steve has to get a quorum
3 of all of you together to approve? I don't think that's the
4 intent, but I'm concerned about the language.

5 MEMBER McKAY: It's not the intent as far as I
6 understand from the meeting.

7 CHAIRMAN PRICE: Which is why I ask the question, too,
8 because not only do I not want it cut and dry, but somebody
9 available. Because I know operators will sometimes find out about
10 something late, they need to get quick approval within a day or
11 two or that day, and if they can fax something over and get your
12 okay and get the fax in to get a registration in or discount or
13 whatever the circumstance may be that they can get it, you guys
14 have that flexibility. I would worry if either we had to get a
15 quorum or we designated somebody. We would run into problems of
16 contacts which is why I asked about, Steve, backups because I know
17 Steve is in the field sometimes and busy.

18 MR. PENNINGTON: They all have multitasking to do down
19 there. They are not doing a single thing. Usually there's a
20 backup person there. If it's imperative that someone needs to get
21 on a list, to get on the exam list, you know, and they are down to
22 the last day or two, which happens occasionally --

23 MS. KAYE: All the time.

24 MR. PENNINGTON: --we try to work with them the best we
25 can.

1 MEMBER MCKAY: It's only once a quarter that happens,
2 isn't it?

3 MR. PENNINGTON: Frequently. Why we are not sure. We
4 might have to get stiffer on the deadline. But we try to work
5 with people because we know they have problems trying to get --
6 their jobs require certain things and they have deadlines to meet
7 and so we are trying to work with them --

8 MEMBER MCKAY: That's understood.

9 MR. PENNINGTON: --so that they don't get shoved to the
10 back of the line and miss an opportunity or something.

11 CHAIRMAN PRICE: Okay. Let me bring it back to the
12 Board.

13 MS. KAYE: I would like -- I mean, are we going to
14 strike that from --

15 CHAIRMAN PRICE: Yeah.

16 MS. KAYE: Okay.

17 CHAIRMAN PRICE: So I'll bring it back to the Board,
18 and, you know, what there's only five bullet points, so let's
19 briefly go through these. And as Cameron is part of the
20 subcommittee, he can take some of these edits back.

21 One of the first things I saw, it says, "Specific
22 guideline from the State of Nevada." Really is it just a
23 guideline? Specific sounds too narrow like we were talking about.

24 MEMBER MCKAY: Okay.

25 CHAIRMAN PRICE: And it's from the -- we are going to

1 say NDEP instead of State of Nevada. Is that okay with you, Dana?

2 MR. PENNINGTON: Yeah.

3 CHAIRMAN PRICE: "--lists the applicable criterion that
4 needs to be met for all courses to be acceptable for CEU renewals
5 and regarding specific levels of certification requirements.
6 Course work will be supplied by accredited Colleges, State,
7 Private, or Community," and I think that's straight out of the
8 reg, if I'm not correct.

9 MEMBER MCKAY: Uh-huh.

10 CHAIRMAN PRICE: "Classes must be at least 36 hours
11 long." That's straight out of the reg.

12 MEMBER MCKAY: Uh-huh.

13 CHAIRMAN PRICE: And it talks about those college type
14 courses that apply.

15 Have you approved journalism type ones in the past?

16 MR. BROCKWAY: I was wondering about the journalism.

17 CHAIRMAN PRICE: Steve, would you help us out in some of
18 the areas.

19 MR. BROCKWAY: Communications, accounting, specialty map
20 or management, counseling, they'd have to prove to me it's related
21 to the job somehow I guess. I have denied training in the past
22 and they call me up and prove to me it's related to the job and
23 I'll give it to you. I don't want to say absolutely no. As far
24 as I can see, if it's related to the job, yes. Counseling is an
25 iffy thing.

1 CHAIRMAN PRICE: Maybe we can do this: There are some
2 that there's no doubt they could be approved. Could we do two
3 sets, like two sub-sets? One is, these type of classes would
4 apply. These would need -- Well, you're going to have to get
5 approval either way, huh? But these may be questionable or things
6 of this nature, so that there's the one that are for sure.

7 MEMBER MCKAY: And the ones that need approval.

8 MR. BROCKWAY: Educational, psychology, they have to
9 prove it's related to the job. I guess managers have to do
10 psychology work with the employees and employees have to do
11 psychology work to the customers.

12 MS. GUTHRIE: Debbie can attest to the counseling.

13 CHAIRMAN PRICE: So the two, so far, are counseling and
14 educational psychology. So those would be in the subsection.

15 MR. BROCKWAY: Economics would be because you have to
16 run a budget, it's got to work.

17 Education with special needs, if you're referring to
18 water related or wastewater related, yeah, that would be a given.

19 I'm not sure what you mean by educational specialties.

20 CHAIRMAN PRICE: Can you explain, Cameron?

21 MEMBER MCKAY: No. That was off a list Crystel brought
22 and I think she got from you. She ran through it with you.

23 MR. BROCKWAY: (Shakes head.)

24 MEMBER MCKAY: Okay.

25 CHAIRMAN PRICE: Put a question through it.

1 MR. BROCKWAY: English, communications, you've got to be
2 able to write reports.

3 CHAIRMAN PRICE: That's a given.

4 MR. BROCKWAY: Human and community sciences, depends
5 what it is.

6 CHAIRMAN PRICE: Like sociology or something like that?

7 MR. BROCKWAY: Maybe you can argue the case if I say no,
8 maybe go to Dana.

9 MR. PENNINGTON: Crisis management would be approved.

10 MR. BROCKWAY: Information systems, again depending on
11 what it is, there's quite a broad range of information you could
12 have there. It could be. Journalism, again, we get into
13 communications, writing skills, I guess.

14 CHAIRMAN PRICE: I would put that in the second subset.

15 MR. BROCKWAY: Getting up and speaking in front of the
16 City Counsel, your County Commissioners possibly. Show me how and
17 I can give it.

18 Management. Yeah, management works definitely. Like I
19 say, if I have questions, I'll talk to Dana, I'll discuss with
20 him, sometimes Terry if there's any questions I have.

21 Like I say, if I deny something, if people want to call
22 me up and argue the case, that's fine, you have a right to argue.
23 Sometimes they win, sometimes they don't. Go above my head to the
24 Bureau Chief, whatever.

25 CHAIRMAN PRICE: Thank you, Steve. So moving on to the

1 second paragraph here. "Classroom attendance for classes is not
2 necessary. Correspondence or internet classes are acceptable."
3 And these are some of the things the subcommittee was charged with
4 bringing back as far as what else is available as far as inquiry,
5 and there's a lot of the prior courses we talked about available
6 on the internet.

7 Let's see. Taking this prior to change of regulation.

8 And it says, "The Nevada Advisory Board recommends a
9 time limit on the non-classroom courses," but as we talked about
10 before, there's a definite, I know from personal experience, for
11 college cases taken online, there's time limits. And Ken Kerri
12 courses have time limits as well.

13 MR. BROCKWAY: I'm sure they all do.

14 MEMBER MCKAY: So to reinforce to the operator before he
15 signed up for one, that he knows beforehand that he has a time
16 limit to do it. That was probably more what that was for, just to
17 reinforce that before they get there.

18 CHAIRMAN PRICE: Okay. And then the next one, "Course
19 approval should either be," we are saying course approval "should"
20 be through safe drinking water, through the NDEP, Dana, correct?

21 MR. PENNINGTON: Uh-huh, right.

22 CHAIRMAN PRICE: Now this is one question I had. It
23 says, "or the Advisory Board." But if they don't get approval
24 from Steve, they go to the Bureau Chief, per se, if they have a
25 complaint?

1 MR. BROCKWAY: I think Dana would be next.

2 MR. PENNINGTON: What happens typically if we run into
3 -- and this happens --

4 MR. BROCKWAY: Very rarely.

5 MR. PENNINGTON: It's not frequent.

6 CHAIRMAN PRICE: It's rare.

7 MEMBER POLLOCK: Can I make a comment as somebody who is
8 gone through this process?

9 CHAIRMAN PRICE: Yes.

10 MEMBER POLLOCK: When we set up a WWET course, we would
11 send it to Steve with any related printed material, we send either
12 an outline or in most cases the courses I gave, I did a little --
13 some kind of a printed material that I would hand out at the
14 course, and I would send that up to Steve. If necessary, I would
15 make additional comments on that E-mail that I sent to him and
16 then he would get back to me with approval or not. And in most
17 cases, it just worked wonderfully. We have very little problems
18 with getting approval for courses that were going through WWET.

19 CHAIRMAN PRICE: Water Education Training, which they do
20 in southern Nevada.

21 MEMBER POLLOCK: Water and Wastewater Educational
22 Training whatever. Jeff Butler is doing that now from the Las
23 Vegas Valley Water District or at least he was the one that took
24 over.

25 CHAIRMAN PRICE: Okay. Thanks, Marie.

1 So if we go on with the paper, then, is it the Board's
2 pleasure to strike and just course approval will be through staff
3 at NDEP?

4 MEMBER MCKAY: Yes.

5 CHAIRMAN PRICE: Okay. So the next bullet, "A
6 consistent message shall be sent out by all applicable agency by
7 all certified water operators giving a clear message relative to
8 the proper procedures to be used in order to upgrade
9 certification."

10 What did the subcommittee mean by that? The reason I
11 ask is because of this, the very last bullet says, "AWWA will send
12 out mailers to all operators," and then of course publish the
13 information. Do those two correspond in some way?

14 MEMBER MCKAY: If you go to Nevada Rural Water, they
15 have a different message out to the operators than AWWA,
16 California and Nevada section. The whole idea is no matter where
17 they go to, Rural Water, NDEP, AWWA, the same -- they should be
18 directed to the same page so that everybody is on the same book,
19 so that somebody in Elko that only has a contact from Nevada Rural
20 Water will be getting exactly the same information as somebody
21 from Reno or Carson City.

22 CHAIRMAN PRICE: Okay. So this kind of leads into the
23 third bullet here on all web sites. I will open it up for
24 discussion on the Board. My thought was that Mr. Walker has done
25 an outstanding job with the website over at NDEP. If the

1 Cal-Nevada section, Nevada Rural Water, some of those other
2 organizations linked to the site, and we have this listed there
3 along with some of the other information, the range of knowledges
4 that are there, et cetera, that could be the one-stop shop we are
5 looking for.

6 MEMBER MCKAY: That was the whole idea was to have
7 everybody linked directly to the one web page so they are not
8 getting a separate message from anybody else.

9 CHAIRMAN PRICE: Is there any further discussion?

10 MS. HESS: I'm sorry, the note will need to be read into
11 the red.

12 MEMBER MCKAY: "WWET is under Henderson Water, Robert
13 Brennan, 702-267-2776."

14 MS. HESS: Okay. Thank you.

15 CHAIRMAN PRICE: Dang, I'm glad I'm not passing notes.

16 MS. HESS: There was a particular open meeting law
17 violation on the basis of notes.

18 CHAIRMAN PRICE: I'm glad you're here, Janet.

19 MS. HESS: I read all of that informative stuff.

20 CHAIRMAN PRICE: So is there any other comments on the
21 website portion there?

22 MEMBER MCKAY: Just that that does tie in with the
23 mailers from the last bullet, that those mailers will list all of
24 these web sites or how operators can have access to them that will
25 be late.

1 CHAIRMAN PRICE: Okay. The fourth bullet is stricken
2 from the record.

3 MEMBER MCKAY: Yes.

4 CHAIRMAN PRICE: The last bullet, like Cameron was
5 talking about, can you just talk a little bit about sending out
6 mailers. And the reason I ask this is twofold: A mailer to all
7 Nevada operators is a large expense through our contract with the
8 section, so if there's some other way that we can reach out or
9 anything like that, I want to pursue that prior to us doing
10 something with a mailer.

11 MS. GUTHRIE: Also, too, in your packets I also put the
12 Source submission deadlines into the flier. If there's anything
13 you want published in the Source Magazine, that would be an easy
14 way for us to market to anyone that may be a member or may get an
15 issue of Source Magazine. It's in the back. See this handout,
16 the schedule for 2006. So this has the deadlines for this year,
17 but if there's anything you want us to publish or put in the
18 magazine, we can do that. And that's pretty cost effective for us
19 to do.

20 MEMBER MCKAY: Also, I think you mentioned that --
21 because Annette was a part of this subcommittee, too, by phone,
22 and it was more of a postcard that would be sent out to all of the
23 operators telling them where they could access all the other
24 information. We were about to send out a whole information
25 packet.

1 MS. GUTHRIE: This is basically what I was going to do
2 is go off of the list that Debbie Kaye has sent me trying to offer
3 the spread sheets to create labels and do something effective that
4 way. But by any means, I will try to track down every operator.

5 MS. KAYE: Well, there's a database available that
6 you've given to me, Steve, that has every certified operator in
7 the State. Judy e-mailed that to me, so they have that database
8 and it has every certified operator in the State.

9 MS. GUTHRIE: Oh, that will make it easier.

10 MEMBER McKAY: It's more of giving the operators more
11 information as to how they can gain access to get information
12 needed and the requirements for continuing college --
13 post-college courses.

14 MS. KAYE: I have a question. What kind of information
15 are you looking for on the mailer? I mean, it's a postcard. What
16 is the message that-- are you just putting a website link?

17 MEMBER McKAY: Yes.

18 MS. KAYE: That's it.

19 MEMBER McKAY: That was the whole idea on the postcard,
20 similar to the one you get from Crystel for the training. If you
21 need information to upgrades from Grades 3 or 4, this is where you
22 need to go to get all this information. There are some people out
23 there that don't have ready access to computers, and it was just a
24 matter of trying to reach every operator that we could that was
25 planning on upgrading.

1 CHAIRMAN PRICE: Okay. I briefly want to talk about the
2 letter from Bob Foerster with Nevada Rural Water. I hope all the
3 Board members have that in their packet. It's dated May 31st,
4 2006, to Cameron McKay, Chairman of the Educational Subcommittee.
5 He addressed the whitepaper because he received a copy prior to
6 our meeting. He has agreed with a lot of the comments we've
7 talked about today. One thing I wanted to point out was under
8 operators, the large bullet or bold portion, "Operators need to
9 know the exact requirement of the regulation and how to
10 successfully complete the application." The third paragraph there
11 talks about applicants instructed to provide a brief note limited
12 to one page or less to accompany each course cited in their
13 application, because the idea was to put the burden of proof on
14 the applicant and try and limit the amount of time that the Bureau
15 of Safe Drinking Water staff might have to investigate some
16 things. How does staff at the Bureau of Safe Drinking Water feel
17 about that? Are you guys okay with what is being submitted now?
18 Is it like mailers on the courses or things of this nature?

19 MR. PENNINGTON: I think as long as we get -- it depends
20 on if it's for CEU's or these other published classes. We want a
21 course description. What does it entail, what kinds of things are
22 going to be covered throughout the class? How long is the class?
23 How many hours is it going to consist of? As long as we have an
24 outline of the class, I mean, we don't need every detail. But an
25 outline of what that course consists of.

1 CHAIRMAN PRICE: Okay. And he said that here, like a
2 course description from the catalog. He also talks about how the
3 existing protocol is working. So as far as Nevada Rural Water and
4 their representative, he's happy with that portion. Does anybody
5 have any comments about Page 1?

6 MEMBER McKAY: Just one, out of curiosity, has there
7 been many applications come in with the course outline that you
8 were aware of the courses that start for these post-college
9 courses or have basically most of them been for existing classes
10 that you knew about?

11 MR. PENNINGTON: Well, I think at this point we haven't
12 had to deal with this requirement.

13 MEMBER McKAY: Right.

14 MR. PENNINGTON: But when -- if you can make the inner
15 tie with reciprocity, when somebody comes in from somewhere else
16 and they have a degree from Texas or whatever university they went
17 to, it could have been a community college or military training,
18 it could have been any number of different types of trainings, and
19 we look at that and evaluate it on its own merits, basically.
20 Okay. It's a good, you know, class, curriculum. I took these
21 various classes and I obtained a degree in such and such. Well,
22 it might not be related to drinking water. It could be something
23 in humanities, but it shows us that that person had the diligence
24 to go and work through that and get his degree. And that's worth
25 something. So that's how we viewed it up until this requirement.

1 And now we are, I guess, trying to get a little more specific
2 about what classes might be the best classes for these people to
3 seek to go on to get to a higher grade level. So we are kind of
4 switching midstream, but we haven't thrown anybody's classes out.

5 MEMBER McKAY: Right. And the way I see it, too, Dana,
6 is that as -- you know we just started this now, now we are
7 looking at basically operators that are moving up to the next
8 step. You will also have operators come in from out of state that
9 are going to be coming to you and saying does this apply or does
10 this not apply, and it will up to them to --

11 MR. PENNINGTON: Show us.

12 MEMBER McKAY: --show us how it's valuable. But we are
13 looking more at the operators that are in here looking to move up
14 and guide them in the right direction. You will always have to
15 deal with people coming in from out of state.

16 MR. PENNINGTON: We will deal with a bump or two until
17 we get on the right track. But we are trying to remain flexible.
18 We don't want to say, "Oh, well, no. That's on that list, so we
19 can't use that. We are trying to look at everything that we can
20 so that we can be flexible and not handcuff somebody.

21 MEMBER McKAY: All right.

22 MR. PENNINGTON: Because people have certain constraints
23 in life. I mean, you can't take off from your job for a semester
24 and go to school because the water system doesn't get operated
25 then, see. We are trying to be really flexible with this and you

1 know correspondence, online training, there's all kinds of things
2 that we are going to consider.

3 MEMBER MCKAY: Uh-huh.

4 CHAIRMAN PRICE: Do you have anymore?

5 MEMBER MCKAY: No.

6 CHAIRMAN PRICE: On Page 2, I would like to draw the
7 Board's attention to Bullet Number 2. It says, "If an
8 applicant--" this is on the time portion, "--has taken an
9 acceptable course at some point in the distant pass, the passage
10 of time does not matter." Now as I remember, this is part of the
11 regulation as well. My only question is, how do you track that?
12 If I throw out my English 101 that I took ten years ago because
13 I've been lacks or something, how do you know that I wouldn't use
14 it again in a few years.

15 MR. PENNINGTON: We wouldn't ever know, Darrin. We
16 don't have these on computer. You're application, only certain
17 information is going to be on -- in a computer. All of your
18 educational things other than your CEU's as you acquire them to
19 keep your certification up to date, I think we asked for the CEU
20 hours, but I don't think we have a list --

21 CHAIRMAN PRICE: A listing?

22 MR. PENNINGTON: --a list of what that was.

23 MR. BROCKWAY: I don't tell anybody, though.

24 CHAIRMAN PRICE: Maybe I shouldn't have asked then.

25 MR. BROCKWAY: Steve, you learn something new every

1 year.

2 MR. PENNINGTON: We would have to go to the file and
3 review it, and we do in some cases.

4 MR. BROCKWAY: I do review a file. I'll go back and
5 look and see if they are taking the same thing over and over every
6 year.

7 CHAIRMAN PRICE: Is there room in the database to do
8 such a tracking? Would it be extremely burdensome to your staff?

9 MR. PENNINGTON: I don't know. We would have to look
10 into that. The database that we have was developed by a
11 contractor. It kind of exists alongside of another database that
12 extracts information from the big database so that it can operate.
13 But it was designed just for certain parameters. It could
14 probably be enhanced.

15 CHAIRMAN PRICE: Maybe what I would like to do --

16 MR. PENNINGTON: At considerable cost.

17 CHAIRMAN PRICE: Maybe what I would like to do is give
18 that back to the subcommittee as one of the things you guys could
19 take a look at. Maybe you could look at staff to come up with
20 some possible solutions. I don't see that maybe it would be a
21 problem, but I can see people doing that. So it needs to be
22 corrected in some way.

23 MR. PENNINGTON: If everybody goes to Clayville's class
24 in Fernley.

25 CHAIRMAN PRICE: You can only take Miles class a few

1 times.

2 MR. BROCKWAY: Don't tell anybody. Is there's no
3 regulation that says they can't take the same thing over and over
4 again?

5 CHAIRMAN PRICE: That's part of the flexibility we
6 talked about.

7 MR. BROCKWAY: Enhance yourself and not take the same
8 old Clayville class over and over.

9 MR. PENNINGTON: And by the analysis of these exams, it
10 appears that good basic things in water quality and there's some
11 facts and things that keep popping up on your list of people that
12 are frequently incorrectly answered questions, I guess. So it's
13 basic stuff that they are not getting.

14 CHAIRMAN PRICE: Since we do have the executive director
15 from the Cal-Nevada section here, are you familiar with -- how
16 does AWWA handle this as far as the same types of courses being
17 submitted in? Are you guys seeing any kind of problem with it or
18 are you familiar with it, Beth?

19 MEMBER KANG: I'm not familiar with it may be Debbie or
20 Annette could speak to that.

21 MS. GUTHRIE: That would be my department. Like I said,
22 I don't really know how the, I don't know, file is keep with like
23 Steve. But we'll go back and check the files because we have
24 access to the files in our office. So, you know, if we have
25 suspicion to believe that, we think we ought to do the checking,

1 we go back to look at the record because we keep all the copies
2 and everything on file.

3 CHAIRMAN PRICE: So you're talking about a hard copy
4 scan through the file?

5 MS. GUTHRIE: Uh-huh.

6 CHAIRMAN PRICE: That sounds like work.

7 MR. BROCKWAY: I don't have time for all that.

8 CHAIRMAN PRICE: There's got to be a way to
9 electronically do it so it wouldn't be burdensome with staff. So
10 we'll throw it back over to the subcommittee so you can do some
11 kind of correction.

12 All right. As I scan through the paper, and again, any
13 Board members please chime in any time you feel I'm skipping over
14 something. A lot of these other bullets that Mr. Foerster had in
15 his letter seemed to have been answered. The only other one I saw
16 on the second page, one, two, three, four, five, is the sixth one
17 there. He talks about linking to the NAC and NRS section on
18 educational requirements. I don't have an objection to that.
19 Mr. Walker do you have comments on that.

20 MR. WALKER: Only that it's possible.

21 CHAIRMAN PRICE: He talks a bit about reciprocity. The
22 next bullet, "Operators seem to know what education and training
23 are possible," which is exactly what the whitepaper is talking
24 about.

25 MEMBER MCKAY: Yes.

1 CHAIRMAN PRICE: The third page, I didn't see a lot
2 there that we haven't answered today. So I do appreciate, Bob
3 supplying his comments via this letter.

4 Is there any further comments from the Board on this?
5 We did receive one other -- I got an E-mail and Steve, this was
6 from you, forwarded the ABC inquiries. I wasn't quite sure how
7 this was applicable to the whitepaper that the subcommittee was
8 working on, because it talks about various issues like individuals
9 with disabilities and things of this nature. So I wasn't quite
10 sure how this was falling into.

11 MR. BROCKWAY: I'm not familiar with that.

12 MEMBER MCKAY: That was the ABC inquiries -- inquiry
13 from an ABC member.

14 MR. BROCKWAY: That thing, yeah, yeah.

15 MEMBER MCKAY: Certifying an individual with cognitive
16 impairment and how they would take the exam.

17 MR. BROCKWAY: Right. If they would give them oral
18 exams. And they were surveying all the State's getting the
19 opinions of how they handled paperwork. I think it was just on
20 reading abilities, being able to read them the exam.

21 MEMBER MCKAY: If they need the -- in this case, the
22 individual has a disability which necessitates the using of
23 another person to read them the examination.

24 MR. BROCKWAY: Right. And what were you looking for
25 again?

1 CHAIRMAN PRICE: Well, you know, let me just suggest
2 this. I almost feel like this is a legal answer that perhaps
3 Janet could take a look at this, compare it to the existing reg
4 and see if we are covered. Janet, could you do that?

5 MS. HESS: I know that, first of all, with any
6 regulation, it really doesn't matter. The ADA applies to every
7 state law, period. It is a federal law. It just applies across
8 the board. That's just the way it is. Any water system that has
9 more than -- any place that has more than 25 employees, the ADA
10 will apply. So it's very easy to get jurisdiction, you know. If
11 you're with a county water system or whatever you're with and
12 you're trying to up the certification and that kind of thing,
13 you're just going to have to comply with ADA. That's just --

14 MEMBER MCKAY: Does -- One thing, our regs state that
15 you have to read and write English to be able to take the
16 certification.

17 MS. HESS: Uh-huh.

18 MEMBER MCKAY: So wouldn't that say right there that,
19 you know, is it a disability or an inability?

20 MS. HESS: Well, I think that that is what litigation is
21 for.

22 CHAIRMAN PRICE: Spoken like a true attorney, for the
23 record.

24 I mean, if it pleases the Board, because I really don't
25 think it's amicable to the whitepaper we are doing today.

1 MS. HESS: No.

2 MEMBER MCKAY: No.

3 CHAIRMAN PRICE: We can put this on the agenda at our
4 next meeting.

5 Marie, do you have comments regarding that? Did you get
6 a copy of this?

7 MS. HESS: I didn't.

8 MS. POLLOCK: I think this is a moot point. If they
9 can't read and write, how can they take a test for certification?
10 And we require them to be certified or the State of Nevada is
11 moving in that direction for sure, so I think it's a moot point.
12 But yes, we should probably clarify that they need to be able to
13 read and write.

14 MEMBER MCKAY: Well, we already do and that's part of
15 the NAC.

16 MEMBER POLLOCK: That's right. That's right. I think I
17 stayed close to the main idea that as far as I can remember it was
18 part of the NAC, so why would we -- why would we get some
19 dispensation from that? It doesn't make sense to me. It
20 certainly doesn't protect the public welfare.

21 MS. HESS: Well, the NAC doesn't have anything to do
22 with what the federal law applies to. I just mentioned that.
23 Neither does an NRS.

24 MEMBER POLLOCK: A legal clarification. Who do we
25 answer to first, the State of Nevada or the United States?

1 MS. HESS: Well, I'll just tell you, I'm just letting
2 you know that when it comes to the American Disabilities Act, and
3 that's very carefully defined, you know, if you can just do
4 whatever it is that you please to do, I'm just letting you know
5 that if somebody comes in in a wheelchair and they can read and
6 write, or if somebody comes in and has any type of -- it even has
7 to do with mental disability, believe it or not. It has to do
8 with what you can do with people with drugs and alcohol. It's --
9 it has all kinds of regulations that apply to it. So, you know,
10 just -- I was just going to -- I'm sure that somebody that needs
11 somebody to be certified, that that's going to happen is that it's
12 going to be the county or the individual water source that is
13 going to be the ones that will be drawn into the lawsuit. But,
14 you know a bigger issue than reading and writing. It has to do
15 with whether your facility, how much would it cost to get your
16 facility where it could handle a wheelchair, you know. It's a big
17 issue.

18 MEMBER MCKAY: Is this actually something that this
19 Advisory Board wants to get involved in?

20 MS. HESS: No, I don't think you need to get involved.

21 MEMBER MCKAY: I don't think we want to put that on the
22 agenda.

23 MS. HESS: No.

24 MS. POLLOCK: I don't think we want to be involved in it
25 at all. If it comes our way, we will deal with it at that time.

1 I think that's just asking for a big bunch of trouble.

2 CHAIRMAN PRICE: Okay. So, Steve, don't send us stuff
3 like that anymore. No I do appreciate it, Steve, because I like
4 to see the -- what globally our -- internationally.

5 MR. BROCKWAY: I just wanted to make sure the Commission
6 had it.

7 MEMBER MCKAY: It was interesting.

8 CHAIRMAN PRICE: Is there any further discussion from
9 the Board or the public for that matter on anything we discussed
10 on this?

11 We'll go ahead and move on. Let me say this. Number
12 seven is an action item. From what I heard, the chair would
13 entertain a motion to direct the subcommittee to reconvene again,
14 put in the appropriate edits and bring this back to the Advisory
15 Board at our next scheduled meeting.

16 MEMBER JOHNSON: I'll move to make that motion.

17 CHAIRMAN PRICE: I have a motion. Do I have a second?

18 MR. JONES: Second.

19 CHAIRMAN PRICE: That motion is seconded. Any further
20 discussion?

21 I'll call for vote. All those in favor say aye.

22 Opposed? Motion carries.

23 (Whereupon, the motion was put to a vote and carried unanimously.)

24 8. DISCUSSION ON CRITERIA FOR COLLEGE AND CONTINUING EDUCATION

25 CREDITS/COURSEWORK

1 CHAIRMAN PRICE: Agenda Item 8 is discussion on the
2 criteria for college and continuing education credits and course
3 work. Do we feel like we've answered this? Yes?

4 MEMBER MCKAY: I think we did.

5 CHAIRMAN PRICE: I think we did, too.

6 MEMBER POLLOCK: Yes.

7 9. GENERATE A STANDARD RESPONSE FOR AGENCIES

8 CHAIRMAN PRICE: Moving on. Agenda Item 9, generate a
9 standing response for agencies. Okay. This is on the agenda. Is
10 there a taste from the Board that -- did we?

11 MEMBER MCKAY: It's somebody else calling me. That's
12 all right.

13 CHAIRMAN PRICE: How do we want to get the message out
14 about this?

15 MEMBER MCKAY: Mr. Chairman, I think this is part of
16 what the subcommittee is working on and I think we could work with
17 staff to get everybody directed in the right place. I think
18 that's where we should leave that.

19 CHAIRMAN PRICE: Okay. And so from what I heard on the
20 discussion today is there's a possibility of a mass mailing,
21 there's the articles in some of the magazines. You guys are going
22 to come up with up with or two recommendations. The only ones I
23 would caution the subcommittee on is I still have yet to talk to
24 Doug regarding some of the budgeted amounts with the Sections
25 contract. I want to make sure that we are not directing anything

1 over, above and beyond any of the funds that are available to do
2 some of those things. So I will get that information and pass
3 that on to the subcommittee when I can unless you guys have some
4 information today. Staff?

5 MR. PENNINGTON: No. But I would bring your attention
6 to the fact that we do have a quarterly newsletter that we send to
7 all of the operators and all of the public water system community
8 and non-transient, non-community systems. So if you wanted to
9 provide information, that's a good channel to go through because
10 we are going to do the mailing, it's going to go to every
11 operator, and an article with as much information as you want
12 could be done, you know, once a year.

13 CHAIRMAN PRICE: Are we restricted to a half page, full
14 page?

15 MR. PENNINGTON: It would depend on what you want to do.
16 And I see John might have a comment here.

17 MR. WALKER: I'm squirming.

18 MR. PENNINGTON: He's squirming a little bit, but in
19 general what that newsletter is about is operators. What kind of
20 information do they need? What training is available? What are
21 the new emerging issues in drinking water? What are the new
22 regulations that are coming? There could be an occasional article
23 about where do operators go to get information? Here, go to this
24 website, this is where it will be. It doesn't have to be a long
25 article, but it's available to you as well as the other one is

1 through the Nevada Rural Water Association.

2 CHAIRMAN PRICE: Right.

3 MR. PENNINGTON: That has a quarterly newsletter also.

4 MS. KAYE: Who does Water Lines?

5 MR. PENNINGTON: That's through the State.

6 MS. KAYE: Right.

7 CHAIRMAN PRICE: Okay. I'd like to hear Mr. Walker's
8 comments on that.

9 MR. WALKER: I'm just thinking for the future, to get
10 information out to the operators, one thing we might want to
11 consider is using electronic e-mailing system. When you send out
12 your hard copy of the next newsletter, if there's a section in
13 there that directs them to the website and it says, "Join the
14 electronic e-mail list so next time you receive the newsletter
15 electronically," which is environmentally the best way to proceed.

16 MR. PENNINGTON: This is a new direction we are taking.

17 MR. WALKER: We have not talked about this just as a
18 point. It's a large agency. There's 250 people that work for
19 NDEP. I run the website, and this is one of the things we talked
20 about. If you're really go to move information to people, most
21 everyone in today's professional work place has a desk top
22 computer on their table.

23 CHAIRMAN PRICE: Sure.

24 MR. WALKER: And so we should think about that. And
25 just to further make that point, what we do is we have a section

1 on the website where you can join the e-mail list and then when
2 something comes up, we just send it out to everyone.

3 CHAIRMAN PRICE: Thanks, John. The only comment I would
4 have is several times over the past they brought up some of the
5 rural areas. There's a possibility they may not have e-mail or
6 internet. So perhaps we can take advantage of the newsletter once
7 or twice. We may at some point put a small article in saying if
8 you don't have it, make us aware so we can shorten the list.

9 MR. WALKER: That's what we have done is give people the
10 option join the e-mail list or continue to receive the hard copy.

11 CHAIRMAN PRICE: Okay. Great. So then would the
12 subcommittee generate a small article that could go into NDEP's
13 newsletter?

14 John, remind me again, if we put it in the hard copy
15 portion, okay, are we talking about a paragraph, two paragraphs,
16 half a page?

17 MR. PENNINGTON: That's done through our contractor, Far
18 West.

19 MS. KAYE: Yeah, it's Far West.

20 MR. PENNINGTON: Through Adelle Basham and Jerry
21 Baldwin. That's where the newsletters generally -- that could be
22 a paragraph or two.

23 CHAIRMAN PRICE: I would --

24 MR. PENNINGTON: It could be sometimes they put just --
25 what do you call it. It's not part of the newsletter, an insert

1 in there.

2 CHAIRMAN PRICE: We'll just direct the chairman of the
3 subcommittee, Cameron, here to talk to Adelle. I mean, I know
4 Adelle, I know you know Adelle, and just get some comments from
5 her on the length for at least the first portion, and then we'll
6 take advantage of the e-mailings from there.

7 MEMBER JOHNSON: Mr. Chairman, Harvey Johnson. I know
8 one thing they can with the Wastewater Board is they included the
9 e-mail address on the renewal certification or renewal application
10 so that those operators that did want to supply their e-mail
11 address could do it that way and then that was -- they built a
12 base for the whole state of those people that wanted to give up
13 their e-mail address.

14 MR. WALKER: Weasel the list by the way.

15 Strike that from the record.

16 MEMBER MCKAY: As the Board, do we get a cut?

17 CHAIRMAN PRICE: Debbie?

18 MS. KAYE: I know that I get an e-mail from Joe at Far
19 West telling me the deadlines are coming up because I submit the
20 list of the recently certified operators. So there's -- I mean, I
21 can forward on his contact to you because they are the ones that
22 are putting together water lines, and I mean they hunt me down,
23 so.

24 MEMBER MCKAY: Yeah, that's a good idea.

25 MS. KAYE: So they are good about chasing you down for

1 deadlines.

2 MEMBER MCKAY: Yes, they are.

3 CHAIRMAN PRICE: All right. Is there any further
4 discussion from the Board or the audience for that matter? Is
5 everybody pretty clear on how we are going to approach that? I
6 know Cameron you left the room for a few minutes, but I've taken
7 some notes here just in case.

8 MEMBER MCKAY: Thank you.

9 10. CA-NV-AMERICAN WATER WORKS ASSOCIATION (AWWA) PROGRESS REPORT
10 (ANNETTE GUTHRIE)

11 CHAIRMAN PRICE: So Agenda Item 10 is the Cal-Nevada
12 American Water Association by Annette Guthrie.

13 MS. GUTHRIE: That's correct. Today -- Well, prior to
14 this meeting at 9 o'clock, we did, and completed, the Board
15 orientation for those lovely members that attended. So for any of
16 you that would like that presentation e-mailed to you, just let me
17 know and I'll be e-mailing that out and assigning a special task
18 to those who did attend.

19 So as far as the exams themselves, everything seems to
20 be going smooth. I haven't really gotten any feedback of any
21 qualms or anything that's wrong with the exams, so we are just
22 kind of treading along.

23 In your folders, we have the analysis reports from the
24 last test cycle in there. The next exam is coming up, so I don't
25 have that information available to you yet. But if there's any

1 questions about stuff I sent you, let me know, but besides that,
2 everything is going smoothly.

3 CHAIRMAN PRICE: Excellent. Are there any questions of
4 the Board of Annette? Marie, do you have any questions?

5 MEMBER POLLOCK: No.

6 CHAIRMAN PRICE: Okay. Thanks Annette.

7 11. EXAM SCHEDULE 2007 (ANNETTE GUTHRIE)

8 CHAIRMAN PRICE: Moving on to Agenda Item 11, the exam
9 scheduled for 2007, Annette Guthrie.

10 MS. GUTHRIE: That's included in the packet as well. I
11 printed a handout of the dates that Debbie Kaye has arranged for
12 2007, so they are already set and they are on the handout on the
13 folder. So we have March 14th, June 13th, September 12th, and
14 December 12th, 2007.

15 MS. KAYE: And the additional exam sitting in March for
16 Nevada Rural Water.

17 MS. GUTHRIE: Yes, as there always is.

18 CHAIRMAN PRICE: Any questions from the Board on those
19 dates? Anybody have any changes?

20 MR. JONES: I actually don't know when National is next
21 year, so.

22 CHAIRMAN PRICE: The Nevada Rural Water Conference?

23 MR. JONES: No, the National.

24 MS. KAYE: Get it done in December, Marcellus.

25 MR. JONES: I'm sorry?

1 MS. KAYE: Get it done in December.

2 MEMBER JONES: Did you get my letter?

3 MR. BROCKWAY: Yes.

4 12. STAFF REPORTS

5 CHAIRMAN PRICE: Staff reports. I know Doug is absent
6 today.

7 Steve, how about you?

8 MR. BROCKWAY: Well, the tests are coming up next week.
9 It may be better to reschedule after we take them. Rural was
10 scrambling and didn't get stuff on the application and trying to
11 get it to me on time, but I think we'll find out next week.

12 CHAIRMAN PRICE: Are there any other questions from the
13 Board of Steve?

14 Steve, how are the turn-around on the certificates and
15 stuff going? I know there's been some questions on that in the
16 past.

17 MR. BROCKWAY: I think we are getting them out in
18 45 days.

19 CHAIRMAN PRICE: So we are back on track, then, doing
20 good.

21 MR. BROCKWAY: Yes.

22 MS. KAYE: We are doing all right on time.

23 CHAIRMAN PRICE: Excellent, thank you. All right. 12
24 sub-3 is D. Kaye with TMWA.

25 MEMBER MCKAY: Prior to this, at this time I would like

1 to thank Debbie for all the years of dedication she has put in
2 serving this Board. She has put a lot of her own time and she has
3 been very dedicated to her job, and on behalf of the Board,
4 Debbie, before you start your very last report, I would like to
5 thank you.

6 CHAIRMAN PRICE: Thank you.

7 Debbie, are you leaving?

8 MS. KAYE: Oh, yeah, didn't I tell you?

9 It's been six years. I've been serving as the
10 administrator, so it's time to pass it on to Geoff Daforno. I
11 want to introduce Geoff to everybody.

12 MS. GUTHRIE: Hold back the tears, Geoff. Hold back the
13 tears.

14 MS. KAYE: All the hard work is done. You'll step in
15 cruising.

16 MR. DAFORNO: Thank God.

17 MS. KAYE: So Geoff has been assisting with proctoring
18 in the past, so he kind of has a feel for what it entails. And he
19 came over and sat with me yesterday and we started sorting exams.
20 So I'm transferring all the information, and yes, I will be
21 available in September by phone if you should need me, because I'm
22 moving. I'll be leaving the State in August.

23 So I have some -- I think I only have ten copies of the
24 percent passing from March results. It's different than -- you
25 did it by Nevada Rural Water pass/fail. I don't know if anybody

1 is interested in this. It's overall from March of 2006 the
2 numbers for all of the exams 62 percent passed their exams in
3 March overall. So, you know, good numbers. In June we have 131
4 people that we are testing next week throughout the State.

5 So it's -- I mean everything is going smooth. Steve is
6 getting the spreadsheet to me in plenty of time. It's giving a
7 lot of lead time to get everything set up with the proctors in the
8 State. So I appreciate the effort that he's put forth in being
9 timely in getting stuff going, so we have a pretty good system
10 down, so it will be easy, Geoff.

11 I've enjoyed working on this. Operator certification is
12 near and dear to my heart. I'm very passionate about what the
13 operators in the State do and the impact they have on public
14 health and I have a great deal of respect for what they do. So
15 I'm really, really proud to see where this program has gone
16 because you are seeing a whole different level of professionalism
17 from these guys. We see it at our utility. We've got several
18 operators that have gotten certification and increased their
19 certification levels over the last couple of years, and the amount
20 of pride they have in their work and the understanding they have
21 on their impact of public health, I mean, we can see it as a
22 utility and it's really neat to see these guys proud of what they
23 do, proud of those certifications. They worked hard. They are
24 passing these tests, and it's made it a better work place. I look
25 at that, and in turn they make it better for the communities in

1 Nevada. So they have people working for Nevada and have a respect
2 for what they do and proud of what they do.

3 CHAIRMAN PRICE: As it should be.

4 MS. KAYE: So keep doing what you're doing because
5 there's a lot of value what this Board does. I mean, people in
6 Nevada can be safely assured their water is safe to drink with
7 this program. Keep up the good work.

8 CHAIRMAN PRICE: Thank you, Debbie. You've done a good
9 job.

10 MEMBER McKAY: Good luck in your future ventures.

11 CHAIRMAN PRICE: I have a couple of questions for your
12 protégé here.

13 Geoff, I hope you understand the importance of your job.
14 I'm sure Debbie has talked to you quite a bit about it. I don't
15 know, has staff over at the Safe Drinking Water Bureau been
16 advised that Geoff is taking over and you've talked to him? No?

17 MS. KAYE: No, this is the first because I'm still doing
18 this exam cycle.

19 CHAIRMAN PRICE: Because I never knew what the criteria
20 for the predecessor went through or whatever. And I know Geoff --

21 MS. KAYE: I can clarify. The way that the
22 administrator is through AWWA. So the function of the
23 administrator is through the California-Nevada section, and the
24 administrator is approved by the certification director. So
25 there's an administrator, Geoff is the Nevada administrator and

1 then there's an administrator in California.

2 CHAIRMAN PRICE: In California.

3 MS. KAYE: So that's how the role works. It's a
4 volunteer role through the AWWA through the State.

5 CHAIRMAN PRICE: So you've given him the oath and he
6 promises to keep everything confidential and stuff?

7 MR. DAFORNO: We are good to go.

8 CHAIRMAN PRICE: And we'll catch him later.

9 MS. KAYE: We had a blood letting.

10 CHAIRMAN PRICE: Welcome, Geoff.

11 MS. KAYE: He's good to go.

12 CHAIRMAN PRICE: I hope whoever serves on this Board, as
13 long as you do that job, that they treat you with respect and that
14 we have a mutually beneficial relationship in this because it is
15 important to this Advisory Board because we do the certification
16 of operators and advise the State Environmental Commission, work
17 well with the staff and it's important we have a good relationship
18 with you.

19 MR. DAFORNO: Absolutely. I'm looking forward to it.
20 Thank you.

21 CHAIRMAN PRICE: Thank you. Thanks for taking the job.
22 You don't know what you're getting into it.

23 MS. KAYE: I won't tell you how much it cost me.

24 CHAIRMAN PRICE: Debbie, that's all you have?

25 MS. KAYE: That's it.

1 13. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING CHAIRMAN PRICE:

2 CHAIRMAN PRICE: Agenda Item 13 is to schedule the next
3 meeting. I'm open to suggestions from the rest of the Board. I
4 think we are looking at September; is that correct?

5 MEMBER McKAY: The week of September 24th I won't be
6 available.

7 CHAIRMAN PRICE: I will state for the record that
8 Mr. McKay is always the first one to shout out dates he's not
9 available, but not give dates that he can make it.

10 MEMBER McKAY: Anything else, but.

11 CHAIRMAN PRICE: Does anyone have a calendar and
12 would -- Well, I see our esteemed legal counsel has a calendar
13 out. I need some dates. We usually, typically seems like we do
14 it about the second week of September because the first week is
15 holidays. I believe that's Memorial Day or Labor Day.

16 MEMBER McKAY: Labor Day. And we've had more luck in
17 the middle of the week, Fridays it seems like a lot of people
18 disappear of which we are a part of that problem.

19 CHAIRMAN PRICE: All right. So I will state for the
20 record that the September 11th through the 15th is an option
21 and/or September 18th through the 22nd. This eliminates the very
22 first week in September and the very last week in September.

23 MEMBER McKAY: How about the 12th?

24 MEMBER JOHNSON: I like the following week better.

25 CHAIRMAN PRICE: The 18th through the 22nd?

1 MEMBER JOHNSON: Correct.

2 CHAIRMAN PRICE: If we do another Tuesday, that would be
3 September 19th, 2006, which is a Tuesday.

4 MEMBER McKAY: That's Board meeting day for me.

5 CHAIRMAN PRICE: I have a no from Cameron McKay.

6 MS. GUTHRIE: That would be a no from me and Beth or the
7 19th of September.

8 MEMBER McKAY: How about a Thursday? Are you available
9 on the Thursday?

10 MR. JONES: What's the date, Cameron, the 21st?

11 CHAIRMAN PRICE: It would be September 21st.

12 Marie, any comments for you?

13 MEMBER POLLOCK: No. I'm retired. I'm always
14 available.

15 CHAIRMAN PRICE: Of course. Thank you. It is a Board
16 meeting day for me, however if we do it during the day, I would be
17 okay.

18 MEMBER McKAY: Also, the next one would be able to be
19 teleconferenced, I think, because -- this one wasn't
20 teleconferenced because of the Board training in the morning.
21 Everyone was supposed to be here for it, but the next one we can
22 teleconference again.

23 CHAIRMAN PRICE: Would the Section be available on
24 September 21st?

25 MS. GUTHRIE: That will work.

1 MEMBER McKAY: Debbie, are you going to be there?

2 MS. KAYE: Give me a call.

3 CHAIRMAN PRICE: Geoff, are you available on September

4 21st, a Thursday?

5 MR. DAFORNO: I believe I am.

6 CHAIRMAN PRICE: Are there any staff conflicts with the

7 Bureau?

8 MR. PENNINGTON: Not that I'm aware of.

9 MR. BROCKWAY: Not that I can think of. I'll be gone

10 one week in September, but I think that's the week before.

11 CHAIRMAN PRICE: This is an action item, so the Board

12 will entertain a motion.

13 MEMBER McKAY: I move we have the next meeting on

14 Thursday, September 21st, 9:00 o'clock at a location and video

15 conference locations to be determined as we can fit them in.

16 MEMBER POLLOCK: I will second.

17 CHAIRMAN PRICE: I have a motion to second. Any further

18 discussion? Now is the last chance to change.

19 Okay. All those in favor please signify by saying aye.

20 Opposed?

21 Motion carries. Our next meeting will be September 21st

22 2006, it is a Thursday.

23 (Whereupon, the motion was put to a vote and carried unanimously.)

24 14. MEETING ADJOURNMENT (DARRIN PRICE)

25 CHAIRMAN PRICE: Item 14 is adjournment. Do I have a

1 motion.

2 MEMBER MCKAY: I move.

3 MEMBER JOHNSON: Second.

4 CHAIRMAN PRICE: I have a motion to second. All in
5 favor? Opposed, none.

6 (Whereupon, the motion was put to a vote and carried unanimously.)

7 CHAIRMAN PRICE: Meeting adjourned. Thank you, Marie
8 and thank you everybody.

9 (Meeting adjourned at 2:56 p.m.)

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